and rendered, the scripting instructions within the delimiters are executed to fill in the billing data. The result is a billing statement in a pure hypertext document. Active Server Pages are described in documentation available from Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, WA, USA.

B.   In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)1(i)-(ii), please replace the paragraph in the specification at Page 26, line 17 through Page 27, line 2 as follows:

Fig. 7 shows the BIS parcel manager 134 in more detail. Applications 220 running at the biller computer system use the parcel manager 134 to create a parcel, send the parcel across to a computer at the service center, and receive notifications on the status and location of the parcel as it moves from one machine to another. Applications 220 interface with the parcel manager 134 via the APIs in the enterprise interface 222, which consists of the consumer information handler 136, the payment handler 138, the batch handler 140, and the template handler 142 (see Fig. 5). The management console 98 works with the parcel manager 134 to track the parcels between computers. It is noted that the parcel manager 154 residing at the service center gateway 86 is essentially the same, and is not described in detail.

C.   In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)1(i)-(ii), please replace the paragraph in the specification at Page 20, line 18 through Page 21, line 2 as follows:

The BIS 34 is implemented as software modules stored in program memory 192. The modules—billing data translator module 27, statement designer module 62, rules manager module 66, resource manager module 70, and advertising manager module 74, management console module 98, accounts

receivable translator module 94, payment translator module, and gateway 80—run on the operating system. In a preferred implementation, the resource manager 70 and advertising manager 74 are implemented as HTML development software, such as Visual InterDev from Microsoft Corporation. The statement designer 62 and the rules manager 66 are implemented as extensions of the Visual InterDev software. The billing data 60, templates 64, rules 68, resources 72, advertising information 76, and payment/remittance information 92 are stored in the data memory 186.

D.   In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)1(i)-(ii), please replace the paragraphs in the specification at Page 49, line 23 through Page 50, line 19 as follows:

Exemplary Task 2: Fig. 10 shows a method for handling a batch of billing data for an installed template. The biller creates billing data using its legacy billing system. The billing data is passed through the statement data translator 27 (step 290). The translator instantiates a statement batch object to hold the data (step 292). The translator 27 specifies the biller and the template to be associated with the billing data (step 294) and validates the specified biller and template against records of authorized billers and installed templates received from the service center (step 296). This validation process ensures that the billing data is for an approved biller recognized by the service center and is for a template that is installed at the service center. The statement translator 27 then loads data into the statement batch object. The statement batch object accepts data that complies with the available fields in the industry schema tables.